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USE OF A FLUORESCENT PROTEIN
FOR DETECTING INTERACTION
BETWEEN A TARGET PROTEIN AND ITS
LIGAND

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 17, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 5, insert the following:

--This application is a Section 371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/FR98/01136 filed on June 4, 1998.--.

Page 11, replace the paragraph beginning on line 11 as follows:

--The term GFP indicates a protein represented by the sequence SEQ ID NO:2 coded for the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID NO:1 given in Figure 1, and which emits a fluorescence once it is expressed in cells. GFPs with substitutions, additions or deletions of amino acids which have an influence either on the fluorescence properties or on the degree of expression of the GFP are referred to as GFP mutants.--.

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